

What is claimed is:

1. A surgical instrument comprising:
  - a) a first jaw and a second jaw in an opposing relationship;
  - b) a first lever arm attached to the first jaw and a second lever arm connected to the second jaw, wherein the first lever arm is arranged to permit movement of the first jaw relative to the second jaw and the second lever arm is arranged to permit movement of the second jaw relative to the first jaw.
2. The surgical instrument of claim 1 further comprising a finger mount for slidably accepting a fingertip of a user.
3. The surgical instrument of claim 1 wherein the first and second jaws are curved.
4. A method of performing a minimally invasive surgical procedure in a patient comprising:
  - a) creating an incision to permit hand access within the patient;
  - b) introducing a hand instrument comprising:
    - i) a first jaw and a second jaw in an opposing relationship; and
    - ii) a first lever arm attached to the first jaw and a second lever arm connected to the second jaw,
  - c) actuating the first lever arm to move the first jaw, and
  - d) actuating the second jaw to move the second jaw relative to the first jaw.
5. The method of claim 4 further comprising the step of slidably engaging a finger with the hand instrument.

6. The method of claim 4 further comprising the step of actuating the first and second lever arms to grasp tissue.
7. The method of claim 4 further comprising the step of actuating the first and second lever arms to dissect tissue.
8. The method of claim 4 further comprising the step of performing blunt tissue dissection with at least one jaw.